

CLAIMS

What we claim is:

1. A method for identifying a package recipient, said method comprising:
delivering a package to a recipient; and
5 recording at least one of said recipient's voice and said recipient's image.
2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
reproducing said recording in order to identify a package recipient.
- 10 3. The method according to claim 1, wherein said recipient's voice is recorded in a digital audio file.
4. The method according to claim 3, wherein said digital audio file comprises a digital audio file in a file format for storing waveform data.
- 15 5. The method according to claim 1, wherein said recipient's image is recorded in a digital image file.
6. The method according to claim 5, wherein said digital image file comprises one of a
20 JPEG file, MPEG file, PDF file and TIFF file.
7. The method according to claim 1, wherein said image comprises one of a still image and a video image.

8. A method for identifying a package recipient, said method comprising:
generating a digital identification signal for said recipient using an identification
pickup device;
inputting delivery data; and
5 storing said identification signal and said delivery data.

9. A device for identifying a package recipient, said device comprising:
an identification pickup device for generating a digital identification signal for said
recipient;
10 an input device for inputting delivery data; and
a memory device for storing said identification signal and said delivery data.

10. The device according to claim 9, wherein said identification pickup device and said
input device comprise the same device.

11. The device according to claim 9, wherein said identification pickup device
comprises one of an audio pickup device and an image pickup device.

12. The device according to claim 9, wherein said digital identification signal comprises
20 one of a digital voice signal and a digital image signal.

13. The device according to claim 9, wherein said identification pickup device

comprises a microphone and said digital identification signal comprises a digital audio signal.

14. The device according to claim 9, wherein said identification pickup device
5 comprises an image pickup device and said digital identification signal comprises a digital image signal.

15. The device according to claim 9, further comprising:
a user switch for selectively activating or deactivating said identification pickup
10 device.

16. The device according to claim 9, further comprising:
a display device for displaying a representation of said digital identification signal.

15 17. The device according to claim 9, further comprising:
a processor for processing data and instructions; and
a transceiver for wirelessly communicating said digital identification signal to a
remote database.

20 18. The device according to claim 9, wherein said input device comprises an alphanumeric keypad.

19. The method according to claim 1, wherein said identifying a package recipient and

providing proof of delivery is performed in real time.

20. A programmable storage medium tangibly embodying a program of machine-readable instructions executable by a digital processing apparatus to perform a method for

5 identifying a package recipient, said method comprising:

generating a digital identification signal for said recipient using an identification pickup device;

inputting delivery data; and

storing said identification signal and said delivery data.